



SOUTHWEST LICC REPORT ~ MAR 03



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Regional LICC status:

Active LICCs: 10 LICCs representing 20 counties are active

Inactive LICCs: 1 LICCs are representing 2 counties are inactive

LICCs in development: 6 counties in the 27 county region do not have LICC representation

Primary Outcomes of LICCs: Most of the LICCs have the similar focus

1. Public Awareness/ Child Find
2. Provider Recruitment
3. Collaborating with their SPOE
4. Establishing a formalized council and membership

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

Many of the LICCs continue to work towards specific strategies and activities. They are working closely with their SPOEs and focusing on Public Awareness and Provider Recruitment. Several of the LICCs have

Specific points:

Jasper: Hosting a "Meet your SPOE" breakfast scheduled April 4.

Tri-Lakes: Planning a child care training with their SPOE for April 26

Barry/Lawrence: Attending a Health fair and Community Disabilities Fair with their SPOE in March

Henry/St Clair/Benton: Provided an article written by the SPOE to the local PATs, considering article for the paper, Set dates to attend local fairs, picked up Benton Co

Dade/Barton: Hosting a community training with their SPOE on First Steps in April

Stone/Taney: Working on Public Service announcements

Greene/Christian: Working on Public Awareness and more formal council

Phelps/Pulaski: Sending letters to primary referral sources outlining the changes to First Steps as of March 1

Laclede: have began meeting again and have met with their SPOE

The Southwest LICCs have done a good job of getting information of Phase 2 Implementation to the local communities focusing on primary referrals sources. They are supportive of their SPOEs and collaborating with them to work towards the same goals. Many of the LICCs are building their membership as well as visibility as the First Steps Redesign is being implemented.

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

1. Provider enrollment and availability of providers in the community.
2. The lack of Module Training in Southwest MO
3. No training on Billing or Forms
4. The LICCs would really like some brochures to do Public Awareness and Provider Recruitment

Key points and significant information to provide SICC:

1. Most of the LICCs are VERY active and successful in Child Find and Public Awareness
2. Provider NEEDS!! Really looking at the number of providers as compared to the number of children in First Steps
3. Many providers are expressing they feel a lack of support
4. Concerns about the rural areas continue to emerge as providers are limiting how far they will travel
5. Phelps/Pulaski would like to suggest a forum for the LICCs to access? i.e. a list serve, a LICC club site, etc The club site would provide the opportunity to post questions / answers, updates, chat back and forth and post ideas for others to use and brainstorm from.